

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING  
August 26, 2010

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a Community Meeting at Macintosh at the Lake Clubhouse, 4210 Bonnar Bridge Parkway, Burlington, North Carolina, 27215, on August 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ronnie K. Wall presided

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Wall, Councilmembers Huffman, Butler, Ross and Faucette

Councilmembers absent: None

Harold Owen, City Manager: Present

Citizens: 35

Mayor Wall opened the meeting with approximately 35 citizens in attendance. He introduced members of the City Council in attendance: Mayor Pro Tem David Huffman, Councilman Jim Butler, Councilman Steve Ross and Councilman Celo Faucette. Mayor Wall also recognized City Manager Harold Owen. The Mayor welcomed citizens in attendance and asked that they speak on any issues that they wished to discuss.

Several residents had questions concerning the City's water system. An explanation was provided concerning the impact of the Jordan Lake Rules on the citizens' utility bills. Questions were also answered on the City's water capacity, advantages to local citizens for selling water to other jurisdictions and the process for contacting staff if someone had questions in reference to water quality.

Richard Johnson addressed the Council about concerns he had as a resident adjacent to Williams High School. Mr. Johnson noted that traffic and parking issues are nothing new to this neighborhood. He indicated the City had made positive changes in the allowance of parking on City streets several years ago but he is beginning to notice students are again violating the rules and

littering neighborhood yards. He requested that additional police protection be provided early in the mornings and at lunch when most of these issues seem to occur.

Several residents requested clarification on the services provided by the City on private streets normally where townhomes are located. Staff responded that neither sanitation services nor snow removal was provided due to City ordinances relating to private streets.

A question was voiced concerning "No Parking" signs which staff responded would be the responsibility of the homeowners.

Several residents asked about the City's sign ordinance as it relates to temporary signs usually installed on City rights-of-way. Staff responded that this was a challenge since after the width of the right-of-way varies and due to the struggling economy many small businesses indicated these signs are important to their businesses. A comment was also made about a violation of the University Drive overlay zoning at one of the recently constructed tire stores. Council asked staff to respond to that situation.

Several residents of the Mackintosh subdivision voiced concerns about the condition of adjacent vacant lots. Council responded to the citizens about the City's CBC program especially as it dealt with high grass. Staff noted that the CBC staff would begin an additional inspection of Mackintosh properties in early September. Staff also responded that most drainage problems discussed was on private property and needed to be handled by the property owners.

Staff noted the anticipated schedule for street repairs in the Mackintosh vicinity by the developer. Discussion also continued about other road construction projects throughout the City.

Conversation also took place involving residents, Councilmembers and staff concerning public safety issues. Questions were asked about the potential construction of a public safety facility for fire and police in the western area of the City. Staff responded that a study would soon begin concerning the location of all the City fire stations and the coverage of the City based on these locations. Council noted that most police vehicles have

computers installed that help officers remain in assigned districts. Citizens requested additional patrol in the Macintosh Development. Councilmembers asked citizens to contact police staff if they had concerns on any police matters.

Mayor Wall and Councilmen thanked residents for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jondeen D. Terry  
City Clerk